

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on March 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 608, 3/17/2017
Executive Action: SB 196, SB 241

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, Revise aviation fuel taxes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:02:31 Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting
 00:02:40 Rep. McKamey joined the meeting
 00:03:35 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association (MATA)
 00:07:09 Lara Tait, Montana Airport Managers Association (MAMA)
 00:10:03 Jeff Wadekamper, Montana Airport Managers Association (MAMA)
 00:12:19 Mark Baker, Delta Airlines

[EXHIBIT\(trh59a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh59a02\)](#)

00:18:56 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
 00:20:20 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

00:21:11 Debbie Alke, Aeronautics Division, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:02 Rep. Trebas
 00:22:29 Mark Baker, Delta Airlines
 00:22:37 Rep. McKamey
 00:23:12 Bob Gilbert, MATA
 00:27:39 Vice Chair Garner
 00:27:55 Rep. Curdy
 00:30:10 Rep. Loge
 00:30:26 Rep. Curdy
 00:30:49 Rep. Hamilton
 00:31:39 Debbie Alke, Aeronautics Division, MDT
 00:32:01 Lara Tait, MAMA
 00:33:09 Rep. Hamilton
 00:33:17 Lara Tait, MAMA
 00:33:56 Rep. Fern
 00:34:47 Jeff Wadekamper, MAMA
 00:36:48 Rep. Hamilton
 00:37:00 Debbie Alke, Aeronautics Division, MDT

[EXHIBIT\(trh59a03\)](#)

00:37:31 Chair Lavin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:01 Rep. Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 241

00:46:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:46:32 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:47:19 Rep. Loge
00:47:40 Rep. Grubbs
00:48:21 Chair Lavin

00:48:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kipp III moved that **SB 241 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(trh59a04)

Discussion:

00:48:57 Vice Chair Kipp III
00:50:01 Chair Lavin
00:50:07 Jason Mohr, LSD
00:50:31 Rep. Fern
00:50:48 Vice Chair Garner
00:50:51 Chair Lavin

00:51:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

00:51:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:51:46 Vice Chair Kipp III
00:53:15 Rep. McKamey

00:54:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy. Vice Chair Garner will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 196

00:54:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **SB 196 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:54:44 Jason Mohr, LSD
00:55:41 Chair Lavin
00:56:35 Jason Mohr, LSD
00:57:07 Chair Lavin
00:57:22 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)
00:58:18 Chair Lavin
00:58:26 Rep. Hamilton
00:58:53 Brian Thompson, MCA
01:00:08 Rep. Fern
01:01:10 Brian Thompson, MCA
01:01:53 Rep. Fern

01:01:58 Rep. Loge
01:03:25 Rep. Trebas
01:04:03 Rep. Hamilton
01:04:13 Chair Lavin
01:05:14 Vice Chair Garner
01:05:39 Chair Lavin
01:05:47 Rep. Swanson
01:06:34 Vice Chair Garner
01:06:41 Chair Lavin

01:07:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. B. Smith
voted by proxy. Chair Lavin will carry the bill.

01:07:27 Chair Lavin
01:08:34 Rep. Swanson
01:08:45 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:10:02

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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